THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD

Criteria and Guidelines

Purpose of the Award: This award was established by the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation in order to recognize outstanding contributions to the effort by Rotarians and thereby to encourage final efforts.

Service to be Recognized: Active personal service is required by the prospective recipient of the award. Financial contributions, however noteworthy, are not a basis for the award. (Outstanding service in the field of advocacy, however, is not precluded as a consideration for the award).

Period of Service: Since the service to be recognized relates to the eradication target phase of Rotary efforts, only service which has occurred since 1 November 1992 is recognizable.

Number and Distribution of Awards: Regional awards, with regions coinciding with WHO regions, for outstanding service in polio eradication, solely or primarily with the region, will be made annually, not to exceed ten per region. International Awards, for broad service to the cause of polio eradication, will also be made annually, not to exceed ten individuals. A Rotarian may receive only one of each award. Prior receipt of a regional award is not a condition, nor does it preclude, consideration for the international award.

Persons Eligible: Any Rotarian is eligible except:

1. Current and incoming trustees of The Rotary Foundation, current and incoming directors of Rotary International, and current and incoming district governors are not eligible to receive either of these awards.
2. Members of a Regional PolioPlus Committee and any Rotarian who have previously received either the regional or international award are ineligible for the regional award.
3. Members of the International PolioPlus Committee are ineligible for either award.

Award Approval: **Regional awards** will be made by the Trustee Chairman upon recommendation by the International PolioPlus Committee, which may consider the views of appropriate regional committees. If there is no regional committee, the Trustee Chairman will appoint a Rotarian in the WHO Region to execute the regional committee responsibilities in this regard. **International awards** will be made only by the Executive Committee of the Trustees upon recommendation by the IPPC.

Any Rotarian may initiate a recommendation for a Rotarian to receive either award.